Financial aid for tourism projects

†1475. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to provide financial aid for development of tourism to those states only which have proper tourism projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the States from which Government have received tourism projects till June 30, 2002 and what are the State-wise and the project-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The Department of Tourism, Government of India provides financial assistance to all the State Government/UTs Administrations for identified projects every year in consultation with them.

(c) The Department of Tourism, Government of India requested all the State Government/UTs Administrations to submit project proposals for financial assistance udner the schemes i.e. Integrated Development of Tourism Circuits and Products/Infrastructure and Destination Development in May, 2002. The following proposals have been received till June 30, 2002;

(1) Rural Tourism at Mopungchuket/Impur village, Nagaland

(2) Heritage Centre at Kigwema, Kohima, Nagaland.

Investment target for development of tourism

1476. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the state-wise details of investments made in tourism sector during the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Five Year Plans;

(b) the details of investment target made for the Ninth Five Year Plan for the development of tourism sector in the country; and

(c) the extent of which the target have been achieved so far in the country, Plan-wise?

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THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The Hotel and Tourism industry is primarily a private sector activity. For augmenting investment in the tourism sector, foreign direct investment amounting to Rs. 48611.47 million has been approved by the Government in Hotel and Tourism Sector from August, 1991 to April, 2002.

(b) No target was fixed for the Ninth Five Year Plan.

(c) Does not arise.

Poor working of ITDC Hotels

1477. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to State:

(a) whether the work of development and renovation of ITDC Hotels cannot be completed without budget support from the Ministry of Finance;

(b) if so, the amount required from the Ministry of Finance;

(c) whetehr the Ministry of Tourism and Culture is not able to generate funds from its hotels; and

(d) the reasons for poor working of ITDC hotels?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and would be placed on the Table of the House.

Corruption in maintenance of historical places and institutions

†1478. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the existence of historical places and institutions throughout the country is jeopardized due to lack of their proper maintenance as a result of corruption prevailing therein; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) (a) and (b) No, sir. The Archaeological Survey of India has 3606 centrally protected monuments in the country which are generally in a good state of preservation.

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